

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hidehisa ASADA et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 4, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to -- claim 1 --.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to -- claim 1 --.

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Please replace pages 1-3 of the Sequence Listing concurrently filed herewith with the attached substitute sheets 1-2 of a substitute Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are effected to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims to reduce the PTO filing fee.

The present paper replaced the Sequence Listing as originally filed, corresponding to the Sequence Listing originally filed in the international application, with amended sheets 1-2 of a substitute Sequence Listing. In the substitute Sequence Listing, minor typographic errors have

been effected which are self-explanatory. The corrections are reflected on a marked-up copy of the Sequence Listing as originally filed, showing the changes in hand-written form. Most of the corrections relate to number corrections in SEQ ID No. 1. Two typographical corrections in the nucleotide sequence encoding amino acid no. 60 and 125 have been corrected. Lastly, the misspelling of amino acid no. 22 and no. 96 in SEQ ID No. 2 have been corrected. No new matter is added. The sequences appearing in the substitute Sequence Listing are identical to the sequences appearing in the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing also submitted concurrently herewith.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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